

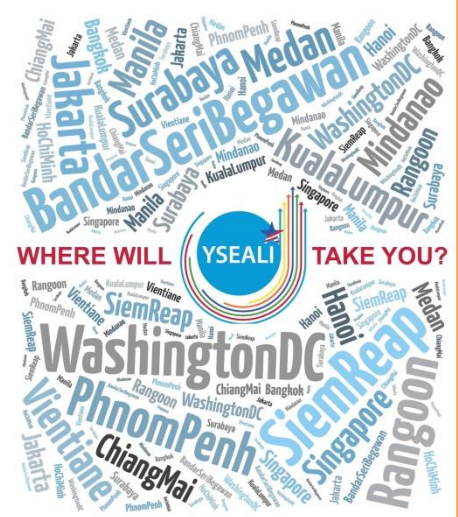


# YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE

Launched in 2013, the **Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI)** is U.S. President Barack Obama's signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in Southeast Asia. It is open to ASEAN citizens aged 18-35 years old.

Through a variety of programs and engagements, including U.S. educational and cultural exchanges, regional exchanges, and seed funding, YSEALI seeks to build the leadership capabilities of youth in the region, strengthen ties between the United States and Southeast Asia, and nurture an ASEAN community.

YSEALI focuses on critical topics identified by youth in the region: *education, civic engagement, environment and natural resources management, and entrepreneurship and economic development.*



## Developing Expertise

- **YSEALI Professional Fellowships** offer month-long mentorship and shadowing programs at businesses, NGOs, and government offices in the United States.
- **YSEALI Academic Fellowships** provide intensive study of leadership and regional issues at American campuses.

## Encouraging Youth Action

- **YSEALI Generation Workshops** deliver hands-on training for ASEAN youth, giving them the tools necessary to actively lead their communities while connecting them to each other and the United States.

- **YSEALI Seeds for the Future** offers seed money for young leaders to implement their innovative ideas for regional challenges.

- Youth express their ideas & connect with the United States and each other through **YSEALI's social media** properties. Twitter chats, YouTube videos, Facebook postings, email, online quizzes and a website provide a variety of opportunities for conversation, learning & networking. (#YSEALI #YSEALIBN)

## Connecting with Established Leaders

- YSEALI connects youth with established leaders from the United States and Southeast Asia. Business leaders, heads of non-profits, and top government officials, such as the President of the United States and the Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN, have engaged YSEALI members in meaningful conversations about the opportunities and challenges in Southeast Asia.

Register at **[youngsoutheastasianleaders.state.gov](http://youngsoutheastasianleaders.state.gov)**

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